October 25, 2019

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Dear Ms. Best,

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of October 15, 2019, for records in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration. Your request was received in this office on October 16, 2019 and assigned FOIA tracking number 63335.

You requested access to case file number 157-SF-459, identified by the FBI as potentially responsive to your request for records relating to Ramparts magazine. My initial assessment confirms that Ramparts magazine is in fact the subject of this file. The file has an estimated 2,300 pages (seven sections), compiled as part of an internal security investigation conducted between October 1964 and August 1971.

This file requires screening for categories of information exempted from disclosure under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, prior to public release. In particular, there are documents that may be redacted to protect the identities of confidential sources, including FBI informant codes and informant file numbers.

Requests for FBI case files that are between 701 and 3000 pages are assigned to our second-tier processing queue. To give you an indication of our existing backlog, we are currently processing requests received in April 2014.

Please note that once we have notified you that review is complete, you may either visit our College Park, MD facility to view the file at no cost or order a reproduction. You may order a reproduction copy at the cost of \$0.80 per page by contacting our office to place an order. We estimate that the cost of a reproduction will be \$1,840.00.

To notify this office of a change in your contact information or to track the status of your request, please telephone 301-837-3190 or e-mail specialaccess foia@nara.gov. If you have specific questions regarding the subject of your request, please contact me directly 301-837-1716 or susan.francis@nara.gov. All communications concerning this request should reference your FOIA tracking number 63335. If this communication is returned as undeliverable and no return address is provided, your case will be administratively closed.

If you are not satisfied with our action on this request and would like the opportunity to discuss our response, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance:

Accessioned Executive Branch Records – Washington, DC Area FOIA Requester Service Center: 301-837-3190 FOIA Public Liaison: Lynn Goodsell (Acting) 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500 College Park, MD 20740-6001 Telephone: 301-837-3190

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Sincerely,

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